(b) There is no proposal to increase allotment of levy sugar to any State or Union Teritory.

(c) and (d) Central Government makes bulk allocation of r*ice,* wheat', levy sugar, imported edible oil, superior kerosene oil and soft coke to State Governments/UT Administrations or distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). Decisions regarding quantities to be allocated to Districts, Blocks and other administrative units within a State or UT are taken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Whenever the State Governments/UT Administrations indicate additional requirements the Central Government takes such requirements into account before deciding the allocation of PDS commodities to the States/UTs.

Rise in prices of essential commodities after Budget

748. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIR A DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: .

(a) which are the essential commodities whose prices have increased after the'recent Budget end due to administered prices; and

(b) the comparative statistics of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ;(SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A state ment showing the percentage varia tions in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities during the post-Budget period and during 1998-94, 199-93 and 1991-92 is given in the Statement. (See be low) It may be mentioned that it is not possible to attribute the increase in the prices of essential commodi ties to the measures contained in the Union Budget and to administered prices. The prices of commodities are affected by several factors such as production demand and supply, prices of substitutes, export and import and seasonal factors.

Statement

Percentage Variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected Essential Commodities and Administered items during the post budget period and during 1993-94, 1992-93 *and* 1991-92

Commodities	Pare	entage variation		
	Post Budget period 9-7-94	Variation	during the yeae	
	26-2-94	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
Essential Commodities				
Rice	+2.7	+12.7	—0.2	+ 30.7
Wheat.....	—7.1	+ 18.5	+ 2.7	+ 12.3
Jowar	+ 11.1	-2.9	—20.0	+ 65.5
Bajra	+ 0.8	+ 50.2	—33.5	+74.9

1	2	3	4	5
Gram	14.4	+ 42.3	+ 23.9	—0.9
Arhar	—3.7	+ 10.8	-4.2	+ 16.3
Moong		+27.3	—0.8	+25.9
Masur	+ 19.2	+ 17.4	- 5.1	—5.6
Urad.....	+ 22.1	+ 36.6	—15.2	+5.2
Potatoes	+ 27.2	+ 17.3	0.7	+8.5
Onions	20.9	—2.6	+ 143.6	-52.0
Tea	-5.2	—32.5	+ 30.8	+ 0.4
Sugar	+ 6.4	+ 18.2	+ 13.9	+ 18,9
Gur	+ 24.2	+ 23.6	+ 47.4	— 6.9
Milk ...:...	+ 6.4	+ 3.5	+9.6	+ 13.7
Fish	+ 34.8	+28.4	+ 30.5	+ 19.8
Mutton	+ 14.4	+ 13.3	+ 12.4	+ 7.0
Chillies (dry) . . .	+23.4	+ S.I	43.8	+ 92.4
Soft Coke	+ 4.8	+4.8	+ 14.9	+ 26.1
Kerosene.	Steady	Steady	Steady	-9.1
gait	0.3	+2.1	+ 5.2	+ 25.0
Atta . .	-3.1	+ 10.6	+ 3.3	+23.4
Vanaspiti	+ 8. 1	+ 1.4	—17.5	+ 1.6
Mustard Oil	+ 6.4	+ 11.3	- 17.2	+ 6.9
Groundnut Oil .	+ 16.6	+ 22.8	22 9	- 2.1
Coconut Oil	2.6	—22.4	Steady	+ 28.1
Cotton Cloth (mills)	+ 12.1	+ 17.3	+ 4.3	+ 17.5
Administered itetns				
Petroleum crude & Natural Gas	+ 3.5	+ 9.9	-1.9	+ 1-9
Coal Mining	+ 5.2	+ 4 6	+ 12.7	+ 27.4
Petroleum Products	—0.6	+ 6.7	+ 18.8	+9.2
Electricity	+ 1.2	+ 30.7	+ 9.8	+ 13.7
Urea *1* '"-(-Content)	+ 21.4	Steady	.....1.6	+ 30.0